

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the first three paragraphs on page 1 with the following amended paragraphs:

This application is a divisional application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/656,770 filed on September 7, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,682,684.

The present application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/657,134 \_\_\_\_\_ ~~[1100.1103101]~~, titled TOOL PATH PLANING PROCESS FOR COMPONENT BY LAYERED MANUFACTURE, filed on September 7, 2000 ~~date even~~ herewith.

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